

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CORNER DRUG COMPANY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague Representative MIKE THOMPSON (D-CA), to recognize Woodland's Corner Drug Company and celebrate Corner Drug's 125th anniversary. Corner Drug Company is a historic staple of the Woodland community—an independent, family-owned and operated pharmacy, promoting the health of the community with honesty and compassion.

The corner of Woodland's 1st and Main Street has been home to the drug store since 1897 when Wallace Pond converted the building into the original Corner Drug Store. The pharmacy changed hands five more times by 1934 when it became the first Walgreens franchise in all of California and was officially incorporated as the Corner Drug Company.

By 1979, Karl Hanke took sole ownership of Corner Drug Company, laying the foundations for Corner Drug's family-owned status, which spans three generations to date. Hanke initially worked at Corner Drug as a delivery boy in high school, before enlisting in the Army Air Corps in 1943. A graduate of the University of California Davis and the University of California San Francisco's Pharmacy School, Hanke became part-owner in 1959 and sold his business to his daughter, Lisa Shelley, in 1999, after four decades serving the community.

Lisa Shelley and her husband, Ed began management in the corner store's 102nd year. Their daughter, Sara, followed in her mother's footsteps, graduating from the University of the Pacific School of Pharmacy and stepping behind the pharmacy counter in 2008. Becoming co-owners in 2020, Lisa, Sara, and her husband Erik Daniells have continued Corner Drug's community-friendly spirit, introducing live music events and hosting neighborhood gatherings.

Corner Drug Company is more than a business; it is a Woodland landmark that unites the community around rich history, vibrant cultural events, and the Shelley family's incredible 63 years of service. We are proud to recognize the remarkable 125th anniversary of Woodland's Corner Drug store. We congratulate the Shelley family and all who contributed to the store's decades of success on this incredible achievement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PASTOR
JULES EARL SMITH

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jules Earl Smith, beloved grandfather, father, husband, son, brother, and community servant, who passed away on Monday, October 17, 2022, after a year-long battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia and Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Born on April 9, 1947 in New Orleans, Louisiana, Jules began his religious journey at a young age. Holding church services for his younger siblings in the living room—pretending they were his congregation—Jules was destined for a life behind the pulpit.

Jules had a love of learning from a young age. He tutored his classmates and friends, and taught his father how to read the Bible. He spent his childhood accompanying his parents and siblings to multiple churches where he discovered his love for music and church administration. When he began his faith journey, he called upon the leadership and clerical skills that were instilled in him from those days attending church with his family.

Jules' service was not confined to church—he was also an activist and Civil Rights leader in Baton Rouge. He dedicated his time to teaching older Black citizens how to read and sign their names. Notably, he taught them to memorize the preamble to the Constitution—pushing them to believe that We The People meant all people—in order to fight back against the racist “Grandfather Clause” as well as discriminatory literacy laws that prevented Black people from voting.

In 1969, Jules graduated from Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge with a degree in Business Economics. He went on to excel in the field of sales and eventually became the Regional Vice President at Western Union Telegraph Company in New York City. He was the first African American to travel and train others in the field of telecommunications. While in New York City, he found a new church home in the Bronx where he served as a Sunday School teacher, choir director, parish pianist, church clerk, and eventually Chair of the Deacons.

In 1976, Jules preached his first sermon, and just five years later in 1981, he was ordained and Jules became Pastor Smith. He and his family moved to Denver, Colorado in 1982, and in 1986 he became the Pastor of a tiny church on the corner of Dayton and Florida in Colorado's very own Sixth Congressional District. He served a diverse congregation at Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church for over 36 years and founded the Rising Star Christian Academy for preschool to fifth graders.

It is incredibly difficult to encapsulate all that was Pastor Smith's life. I have no doubt he impacted tens of thousands of lives through

his sermons and Bible studies. He was passionate about his faith, and guided many throughout the years. Even though Pastor Smith is gone, his legacy lives on through the lives he touched, and his spirit will be felt in the halls of his parish and in the hearts of the people he served for many years to come. It is an honor to recognize the incredible life Pastor Smith led, and to his family: “The God of love and peace shall be with you.”

RECOGNIZING CLAIRE NADER'S
BOOK, YOU ARE YOUR OWN BEST
TEACHER

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD the following review of Claire Nader's book, “You Are Your Own Best Teacher”, written by Dorothea V. Dicecco for the Republican-American.

CLAIRE NADER CELEBRATES, ENCOURAGES
TWEENS STEPPING FORWARD

(By Dorothea V. Dicecco)

As I began to read Claire Nader's new book, “You Are Your Own Best Teacher,” I found it so engaging that I was unable to put it down.

This surprised me, as the introduction stressed that it was a book aimed at “tweens”—children between 9 and 12. Indeed she does focus on young people but as I became involved with its subject matter, it became clear that she also meant to appeal to readers of all ages.

There is no doubt that she succeeded.

Praise for the book is provided in its opening pages from 13 prominent Americans, each of whom expresses the reasons for their enthusiasm. Among them are Jonathan Kozol, author of “Death at An Early Age” and “Savage Inequalities: Children in American Schools”; Amy Goodman, host of the “Democracy Now!” TV and radio news program; and Katrina Vanden Heuval, publisher and former editor of The Nation.

Nader was fortunate to live with parents who knew how to stimulate their children's curiosity, imagination and intellect—the three characteristics she features on the cover of her book. She was aware that her peers had minds of their own, and like her, were influenced by their family as well as their experiences with friends and classmates. Her book acknowledges that differences in income, family situation, safe neighborhoods and health influence young lives; but they do not diminish tweens' innate curiosity, imagination and intellect.

A graduate of Smith College, Nader holds a Ph.D. from Columbia University in public law and government. As an author and political scientist, she has filled her life with interactions with adults and young people, and she has observed the similarities and differences between the age groups.

In this book, she points out that in schools, the curriculum has become less connected to the reality of life. As budgets are

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cut, many offerings such as sports, art, music, literature, health, science, history and politics are reduced or eliminated.

The growing impact of media has reached tweens who now, like adults, are a focus of the corporate world. Through their cell phones and computers, tweens are treated as a product, bombarded with tempting ads on how to improve their looks. Junk-foods and sugar-laden drinks are promoted as a dominant source of nutrition; at the same time causing childhood obesity, diabetes and heart disease—all while raising corporate profits.

In this book, Claire Nader raises us above this dark side of reality and concludes that tweens have not succumbed to it as we might have believed. On the contrary, she provides the reader with positive news and optimism derived from her experience as an advocate for numerous causes at the local, national and international level. Tweens are never afraid to ask questions.

Written simply, and often with humor, the book reveals why she admires tweens. She presents a large range of subjects that inspire them to become active, and through self-education, bring about change. Among them are how they pressed their parents to stop smoking, or wear seatbelts, once they learned that such actions saved lives. Others attended town meetings and vigorously expressed their opinions on social topics that negatively affected their lives locally and nationally.

One group of fifth-graders influenced their town to clean up a dump that was near their school. Others who were attending a run-down school in a poor neighborhood successfully agitated for a new school building. Planting a community garden was a meaningful experience. To add impact to a specific presentation, Nader often colors her point with thoughts like this one, from an ancient Chinese proverb: "To know and not to act is not to know."

Rarely discussed in the media are the effects some tweens suffer as the result of their IQ and other standardized tests given in schools. Many accept the fact that a poor performance suggests less success in future educational opportunities and jobs. Nader writes, "It has been found that standardized multiple-choice questions do not measure the most important talents for success in life. They cannot test your judgement, experience, wisdom, imagination, idealism, diligence, stamina, and resilience." This frank discussion provides tweens and their parents with a new look at themselves.

She clarifies myths about famous people in history and gives us a surprising and entertaining look at the dictionary as a door to meaning, understanding and enchantment. With the use of facts, she promotes natural foods for healthy bodies and provides an understanding of economic security. She believes that tweens are never too young to be active citizens. Nader's facts back her writings that if given the opportunity, tweens would be more than happy to join in the conversations.

One parent who read the book wished it were available when his children were young so they could read it and learn together. Others say that this book should be in every library and school, so teachers can use it as a reference and read it to kids. And, of course, kids should read it.

Using a unique approach, Nader has moved beyond stimulating the curiosity, imagination and intellect of tweens. Her book is a testament to her ability to reach the minds of all readers who will benefit from her insight and understanding.

CELEBRATING CHIEF METEOROLOGIST GLENN BURNS

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, today marks Glenn Burns' last day with WSB-TV after serving as the Chief Meteorologist for forty years. Over the years, Glenn has been a familiar face on TV, from hosting the weekly Mega Millions lottery drawings, to being a trusted and calming presence for millions of Georgians during some of the most severe weather events in our state's history. While Glenn's presence on the 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. newscasts will be missed, Georgians are pleased to know Glenn will be serving as the Chief Emeritus for another year and will assist the network during future severe weather events in our area.

On behalf of Georgia's 11th Congressional District, I congratulate Glenn on an amazing career; and I sincerely hope that in his retirement Glenn will enjoy more time with his family, as well as enjoying the hobbies he loves: fishing, hiking, and astronomy.

HONORING LARRY SUFFREDIN FOR A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the many accomplishments of Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin. Larry Suffredin is a lot of things: he is a beloved elected official. An attorney. A United States Air Force veteran. A devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Commissioner Suffredin is the quintessential statesman, and I am proud to be able to call him a dear friend and neighbor.

Larry Suffredin has deep roots in our state and our community. Born in Evergreen Park, Illinois, he is the oldest of eight children, the son of a Chicago Police Officer, and a graduate of Loyola University Chicago.

Larry has a long history of service. While in law school at Georgetown University in Washington D.C., he joined the United States Department of Justice, and then went on to serve as an officer in the United States Air Force in the early 1970's. Upon being discharged from the armed forces, Larry worked as an Assistant Public Defender before moving on to other pursuits. Larry saw a lot of success as a lawyer. Practicing law for almost fifty years, he is a partner at Shelsky & Froelich and has had the opportunity to argue cases before the Illinois Appellate Court, the United States Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.

In 2002, Larry Suffredin was elected to serve as a member of the Cook County Board of Commissioners representing the 13th District. During his tenure, Larry's depth of knowledge and compassion made him an effective and passionate defender of Cook County residents and a mentor to many. Even in retirement, I am certain many will continue to seek his counsel.

Larry has a long list of accomplishments from his time spent as a Cook County Commissioner. A longtime advocate for gun safety reform, he helped pass Cook County's Assault Weapons Ban. He saved the old County Hospital Building from demolition and created the successful Independent Health and Hospital Board, and was a leader in raising the minimum wage. Larry played a key role in establishing Cook County's Office of the Independent Inspector General and created an Eviction and Mortgage Foreclosures Court protocol to protect people's homes.

As a Forest Preserve Commissioner, he has a whole other list! He established the New Century Conservation Council and worked hard to expand the Forest Preserve's land restoration initiatives and their use of trained volunteers. Larry was a driving force behind successful efforts to require children to wear bike helmets as they made use of this amazing local resource.

These are only a sampling of Commissioner Suffredin's successful efforts over the last twenty years. However, these accomplishments will have impacts on residents for many decades ahead. His leadership has made Cook County a better place for those who live here.

On behalf of the residents of the 9th Congressional District of Illinois, I thank Larry for so many years of dedicated and effective leadership on behalf of our community. I know his family—Gloria, Tom, Elizabeth, and their families—are excited to spend more time with him in the years ahead. I hope that he continues to answer my calls when I am the one calling for his counsel, and I wish him nothing but the very best moving forward.

COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAWAII WING OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Hawaii Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). Founded in 1947, the Hawaii Wing of the CAP works to support the mission of its national organization in my home state. What began as a volunteer organization to mobilize civilian aviation resources for national defense following World War II has evolved into a premier public service organization that carries out emergency service missions when and where needed.

The Hawaii Wing of the CAP, as well as the CAP wings in Alaska, Guam and Puerto Rico, only came to be because of the determination of Sarah Park Hawaii. She was an avid pilot and took her first solo flight at age 16 shortly after the end of World War II. The same year she took her first solo flight, she began working to convince CAP's National Headquarters to change its rules so that Hawaii and the other territories at that time could create their own CAP wings.

Due to her persistence, in 1947 the Hawaii Wing began its operations. It initially served as an additional resource for national defense and sought to protect Hawaii by conducting observation flights around the islands. The Wing's first Commander was Lieutenant Colonel Ben Dillingham II, who received a Bronze Star for meritorious service in World War II.